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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 14, 1999, please amend the claim as follows:

39. (Amended) A method for measuring saturation of a blood constituent in a patient comprising the steps of:

irradiating said patient with electromagnetic radiation of at least three discrete, different wavelengths;

sensing an intensity of said radiation for each of said [wavelength] wavelengths after it passes through a portion of said patient to produce first, second, and third intensity signals;

representing each of said intensity signals as a function of concentration, the wavelength corresponding to the intensity signal, and a time-variable motion term corresponding to motion noise, said motion terms being proportional to one another for each of said intensity signals; and

solving the functions to obtain a value for said saturation, wherein each of said functions includes a plurality of coefficients related to the wavelengths, the coefficients of said third function being determined based upon the